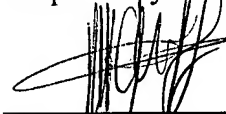


REMARKS

Claims 59-100 are currently pending in the subject application, and are now canceled by virtue of the present Amendment. The claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 first & second paragraph. In addition, several claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 102(a) over U.S. Patent No.: 6,660,714 (herein referred to as "the '714 patent") and WO 98/46246 (PCT publication corresponding to the '714 patent), respectively. Furthermore, obviousness-type double patenting rejections have been levied over U.S. Patent No.: 6,660,714 and USSN 10/205,021.

Upon review of the '714 patent (as well as corresponding PCT publication WO 98/46246 and Divisional USSN 10/205,021), Applicant realized that the constructs recited in the present claims are in fact fully supported and enabled by the '714 patent specification. Accordingly, Applicant hereby cancels all pending claims in the present Application (thereby effectively abandoning the present Application) in order to pursue the subject matter as a Continuation Application of the '714 patent.

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